

### **319.053 "Licensed psychological practitioner."**

- (1) A person holding a credential as a certified psychologist or as a licensed psychological associate may apply for a license to perform certain functions within the practice of psychology without supervision and to use the title of "licensed psychological practitioner" when all of the following conditions are met:
  - (a) Submission of three (3) letters of endorsement to the board to sit for the examination;
    1. One (1) of the letters shall be from the applicant's current board-approved supervisor of record and shall include a statement describing the scope of practice demonstrated in the clinical experience of the applicant; and
    2. Two (2) letters shall be from licensed mental health professionals who are acceptable to the board and who are familiar with the clinical work of the applicant;
  - (b) Payment of a fee not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200);
  - (c) Documentation of at least sixty (60) semester hours of graduate study in psychology or a related field or its equivalent acceptable to the board; and
  - (d) Completion, after credentialing by the board as a certified psychologist, psychological associate, or licensed psychological associate, of the equivalent of five (5) full-time years of professional experience under the supervision of a board-approved licensed psychologist.
- (2) An applicant for licensure under this section shall not have been subject to disciplinary action by the board. An applicant who has been the subject of disciplinary action may appeal to the board for an exception.
- (3) An applicant for licensure under this section shall be required by the board to pass the national objective examination known as the EPPP, with a score equal to or exceeding the score required for passage for a licensed psychologist candidate at the doctoral level at the time the examination is taken. The board shall accept the applicant's previous examination results for the objective EPPP examination if the original test score satisfied the licensure requirement at the doctoral level in effect at the time of that test administration. If the applicant's previous score does not meet this criterion, the applicant may retake the examination until the score obtained equals or exceeds the score required for independent practice at the doctoral level at the time the examination is taken.
- (4) The board shall require an applicant for licensure under this section to pass an oral examination on psychological practice, ethical principles, and the law. The oral examination shall be conducted by an examination team that is designated by the board and that consists of at least one (1) licensed psychologist and either one (1) certified psychologist with autonomous functioning or one (1) licensed psychological practitioner. The oral examination shall be evaluated using the same criteria as the oral examination for licensed psychologist candidates.

- (5) The applicant may continue to function under the supervision of a board-approved licensed psychologist until the applicant successfully completes the requirements for licensure as a licensed psychological practitioner.
- (6) The board shall grade and keep the examinations and results on file for one (1) year. Upon written request to the board, an applicant may arrange to discuss his or her performance on the examinations.
- (7) Upon successful completion of all requirements, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to perform certain functions within the practice of psychology without supervision and to use the title "licensed psychological practitioner."
- (8) The licensee under this section shall not supervise certified psychologists, licensed psychological practitioners, or licensed psychological associates.

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